

Application No. 09/497,590  
Amendment dated January 17, 2007  
Reply to Office Action of August 28, 2006

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Please add the attached new drawing FIG. 42 to the drawings already on file. The new drawing is being added to provide a visual representation of a possible embodiment of the present invention as originally disclosed in the last sentence of the paragraph bridging pages 67 and 68, and in the last sentence of the first full paragraph on page 69.

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### REMARKS

Applicant cancelled claims 188-194 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 105-115 and 121-187, and has rejected claims 188-194 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) based on U.S. Patent No. 4,545,374 to Jacobson. In order to further the prosecution of the instant applicant, and without abandoning the right to refile, claims 188-194 have been cancelled. As such, the Examiner's rejections of claims 188-194 under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a) are moot.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) because the drawings "fail to show extension in figures 36-39 as described in the specification." Accordingly, Applicant has amended the drawings to include Fig. 42 depicting an apparatus 1350A. Furthermore, Applicant has amended the specification to include a paragraph describing apparatus 1350A depicted in new Fig. 42. As shown in new Fig. 42 and discussed in the amended specification, apparatus 1350A includes extended portions 1380 and 1382 extending from overlapping, hollow cylindrical tubes 1352 and 1354. As such, given the amendments to the drawings and the specification, Applicant submits that the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) has been traversed.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance of claims 105-115 and 121-187 is earnestly solicited.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including

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any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Respectfully submitted,

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